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H.B. No. 4165

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education  
3 Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer  
4 baccalaureate degree programs.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 130.306, Education Code, is amended by  
7 amending subsection (b) and adding subsection (d) to read as  
8 follows:

9 (b) Except as provided by Subsections (a) and (d), a public  
10 junior college offering a baccalaureate degree program under this  
11 subchapter may not offer more than three baccalaureate degree  
12 programs at any time.

13 (d) A public junior college offering a baccalaureate degree  
14 program under this subchapter that is located in a county with a  
15 population of more than 1,800,000 based on United States Census  
16 2010 data and that is located within 180 miles of the Texas-Mexico  
17 border may not offer more than six baccalaureate degree programs at  
18 any time.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.